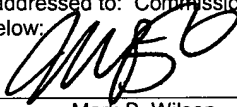




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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
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**I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is included below. Granting of this petition will bring the due date for this response to February 17, 2004, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7 since February 14, 2004 fell on a Saturday, and February 16, 2004 was a federal holiday. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent,

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consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSK:348US.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.